

**Draft Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Present: Cllrs J Bater, T Chase, R Durbin, D Germain, T Jessop (chair) The Parish Clerk was in attendance. Five members of the public were present. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7:30pm. Cllr Bellfield had made it known that he had to leave earlier than usual and therefore the Chairman asked the Cllr to make his report immediately, his report is attached to these minutes. The meeting then went into Open Session. Mrs Durbin raised the issue of the phone box being very messy after the poster for the Olympics was not removed completely. The Clerk will write to BT requesting it is fully cleaned. Mrs Durbin also noted that the tree by the bus stop is dead. Cllr Chase will replace it. Mrs Clark asked if the Council were aware of the cost of the Kettleburgh Bridge Works. Cllr Snell said that the funds were from Europe rather than from the public purse. The Clerk will attempt to ascertain this figure and report back to the council. Open Session was closed and the meeting began.	Minute numbers and Actions K2012015 Clerk TC Clerk
<b>1. DPI declarations:</b> There were none. The Council resolved to grant all members dispensation to discuss the budget leading to the precept decision on the basis that the council would be inquorate without this dispensation (Localism Act 2012, S33, ground (a))	K2012016
<b>2. Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Bell, Harris and Wheeler-Rowe	K2012017
<b>3. Minutes</b> of the meetings held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 were approved and signed.	K2012018
<b>4. Reports from the County and District Councillors and Suffolk Police SCC Councillor Peter Bellfield:</b> Cllr Bellfield had reported at the very start of the meeting as he had had to leave quickly.  <b>SCDC Councillor Bob Snell:</b> Cllr Snell gave a report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Cllr Jessop asked whether the delays in the LDF meant it was not being considered in relation current planning applications. Cllr Snell said that it is given some weight but does not overrule the existing system.  <b>Suffolk Police:</b> Sgt Nigel Thompsett stated that no crimes had been reported in our parish since the previous Parish Council Meeting (12 <sup>th</sup> Sept).  He then listed the Police and Crime Commissioner election candidates and in response to a question regarding the election and the candidates explained that	K2012019

as a non-partisan he was only reporting on them and explained that these were the result of a central government plan to replace the Police Authorities.

Sgt Thompsett then raised the matter of correspondence from the Parish Council in regard to the lack of attendance of PCSO Hassler and the use of the term 'summons' within this correspondence (minute number K2012014). He explained that the apparent missed reporting of crimes was due to the crime report being produced on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, when PCSO Hassler was last on duty before the 11<sup>th</sup> July meeting as there were, by co-incidence, 3 crimes reported during the intervening period. He then gave reasons for PCSO Hassler being unable to attend each of the Kettleburgh Parish Council Meetings he had not attended stating his support for his PCSO and his reasons.

Sgt Thompsett then stated that no Parish Council is in a position to summon any police officer to attend, that unacceptable terminology had been used towards PCSO Hassler and that the police do commit to try to attend at least 2 Kettleburgh Parish Council Meetings each year.

Cllr Jessop then stated that: the Parish Council are public servants with a mandate to respond to public concerns; that the Parish Council accept the reasons given for PCSO Hassler's absence; that it is unfortunate that these absences co-incided with the mini crime wave that the village had suffered; that it would be an understatement to say that the Parish Council has been disappointed with PCSO Hassler's absence; that the written report that replaces the physical presence of a police representative is only a one way communication; and that the wording used was deemed appropriate within the mood prevailing at the time the Parish Council resolved to send the communication in question. He then apologised on behalf of the Council if the wording of the recent correspondence was taken to be inappropriate.

Cllr Durbin raised the history of the relationship, recounting the requests from PCSO Hassler for Cllrs to assist with the public traffic scheme, Cllrs' concern over personal risk involved, and an email from PCSO Hassler accusing Cllrs of having "feeble excuses" not to assist.

Cllr Bater mentioned other petty thievery within the village, citing the theft of the Marquees bought for the village to help with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Sgt Thompsett replied that these crimes had not been reported and should be.

#### **5. Planning Applications:**

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The Clerk reported that both **C12/0919/ – D'Urbans Farm, High Road, Framlingham** and **C12/0964/ - Erection of grain store at Brook Farm** have been approved.

6. There was no item 6 on the Agenda.

#### **7. Third Gateway for Kettleburgh:**

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Cllr Durbin stated that despite chasing our contact for details he had not yet been provided with a start date for the work apart from an assurance this

Monday (12<sup>th</sup> Nov) that the work would start within 4 weeks. Cllr Durbin had asked Cllr Bellfield earlier in the meeting to intervene and Cllr Bellfield had agreed to do so.

**8. General Power of Competence:**

K2012022

The Clerk gave a summary of the purpose of the power and requirements which would enable the council to gain this power.

Cllr Jessop stated that the previous Clerk did get training towards the Council becoming a Quality Council but the Council had decided there was not a requirement to gain that status.

After discussion the council resolved that further research was needed before they could make this decision and so the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

Mrs Clark suggested that the power would not be needed as the public funds that the Parish manages were not sufficient for any relevant works.

**9. Neighbourhood Watch re-invigoration:**

K2012023

Derrick Neilson reported his surprise at the suggestion that Neighbourhood Watch needs re-invigoration and that the intended meeting with Cllrs Bell and Wheeler-Rowe had not taken place but he was willing to meet if it were deemed necessary.

As Cllr Wheeler-Rowe had asked for it, Derrick gave the official definition of NW to the meeting - the main objectives of Neighbourhood watch are:

- 1 To prevent and reduce crime in our neighbourhoods
- 2 To help provide reassurance to people in our communities
- 3 To provide appropriate and up-to-date crime reduction advice
- 4 To encourage members of our communities to be alert and watchful in looking after themselves and others
- 5 To act as a channel of communication - passing on timely information from the police to the community and from the community to the police - to help prevent and detect crimes.

Derrick then stated that he is not a policeman and does not have any powers of arrest; he feels some parishioners expect more from him than his post entails; he has offered to read the Suffolk Police report to Parish Council meetings should PCSO Hassler be unable to attend; he asks for continued help to report incidents to him so that he can hand them on to the police; and that he will continue putting his regular article in the Parish Magazine.

**10. Finance:**

K2012024

- a) The Financial Statement was approved and initialled.
- b) The Payments Required list was approved and initialled.

c) The draft budget was presented and the Clerk mentioned some highlights. The Clerk will provide reasoning behind the budget for consideration before approval at the next meeting.

Clerk

d) The Council resolved to match the banking mandate.

Clerk

e) The Council resolved to correct the errors in the Financial Regulations.

Clerk

**11. Clerk's Matters:**

K2012025

a) The Clerk reported that the War Memorial work had been completed and that there were a few more items to resolve.

**12. Correspondence:**

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The correspondence folder was given to Cllr Jessop to commence review and circulation.

**13. AOB:**

K2012027

Cllr Durbin asked if the Council should respond to Sgt Thompsett and set the record straight as Sgt Thompsett had appeared to be unaware of the incident Cllr Durbin had recounted. The Council resolved that this was not necessary.

The Clerk stated his intension to include the correspondence list in the correspondence folder rather than with the agenda.

The Clerk reported Cllr Harris' intension to ask an expert he is employing to survey his ash trees to survey those in the village pound as well.

**14. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7:30pm

**15. Close Meeting:** The meeting closed at 8:45pm

**Council Tax 2013/14**

We announced last month that the County Council element of the council tax will be frozen for the third consecutive year. This means that for the four years of the current administration at Endeavour House the council tax will only have risen by 2.4%.

**The future of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service**

Suffolk residents are currently being asked their views about the county's Fire and Rescue Service working more closely with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough service. This could potentially mean a full merger. This follows the successful merger of the fire control centres for the two authorities last year. A business case is currently being prepared which it is hoped will show that fewer back office and top management staff will be required thus saving costs while maintaining or improving the service.

**Future Back Office Requirements**

At last month's Cabinet meeting it was agreed that the partnership between BT, the County and Mid-Suffolk D.C. to run back office services like finance, ICT and H.R. should not be extended or renegotiated after it ends in 2014. This means the end of C.S.D. as we know it today. Many will say thank goodness! We are, therefore, now looking for other outside organisations to perform these functions at a lower cost as the B.T. contract has escalated significantly more than originally anticipated.

**Records and Heritage functions**

It has become clear that it is necessary for the County to reorganise and re-site its records and heritage functions and we are currently investigating the options that we have. They include moving within Ipswich or to Stowmarket

**Future of County Care Homes**

The Scrutiny Committee has confirmed the Cabinet's decision to appoint Care UK as the new provider of the council's residential care homes and community wellbeing centres for older people (known as day centres). The running of the 16 homes will be taken over by Care UK who will then inject £60m to build 10 new homes, some on existing sites. Without exception the 16 homes need substantial investment which the council can not afford in these difficult times and hence the need to transfer their operation to an outside provider. When the rebuilding programme is complete there will be around and extra 150 places with most of the new beds suitable for dementia patients.

**Future Expenditure Savings**

I have mentioned previously that in each of the next two years the Council is budgeting to save a further £26m. on top of the £65m. savings made last year, but this is unlikely to be the end. Before the start of the financial year 2014/15 the government is going to indicate the likely reduction in the central grant to local authorities over the following four years and the best guess that we can make is that we will be looking to find another £60m. over that period.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

# Suffolk Coastal District Council

## Councillor Bob Snell's report to Parish Councils in the Earl Soham ward, November 2012

### 1. Local Development Framework

- Inspector's examination re-commenced in October and November (concluded last week). Outcome awaited.

### 2. Planning applications

- Earl Soham – High House farm buildings conversion re-submitted as holiday lets. Consultation period expires 15 Nov.
- Brandeston – Mutton Lane 4 houses
- Easton – Solar park at Hacheston; New house south of Old Kennels

### 3. Felixstowe matters

- New pier approved, with improved public amenities landside to be considered
- Seafront gardens to be reworked, with £2.2 m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Spa Pavilion offered for sale on open market
- Housing at Martello Tower site

### 4. PCC Election

- Voting Thursday 15 Nov 07:00 – 2200

### 5. Boundary Committee review

- Begins with internal meetings end November, following council's decision in January 2012 to seek review of ward boundaries and the number of district councillors.

### 6. STOP PRESS – Best Dining Pub in Suffolk

- Best Dining Pub in the Suffolk Food & Drink Awards at Wherstead Park 12 November was the Easton White Horse.